TIM. Well; what further ?

OLD ATH. One only daughter have I, no kin else,
On whom I may confer what I have got: The maid is fair, o' the youngest for a bride, And I have bred her at my dearest cost, In qualities of the best. This man of thine Attempts her love: I pr'ythee, noble lord, Join with me to forbid him her resort: Myself have spoke in vain.

TIM. The man is honest.

OLD ATH. Therefore he will be, Timon [4] :

* Therefore he will be, Timon :] The thought is closely expressed, and obscure: but this seems the meaning: " If the man be honest, my lord, for that reason be will be so in this ; and not -endeavour at the injustice of gaining my daughter without my consent." WAR BURTON.

•I rather think an emendation necessary, and read : " Therefore *well be him,* Timon : " His honesty rewards him in itself."

That is, "If he is honest, *bene sit illi,* I wish him the proper fiappiness of an 'honest man, but his honesty gives him no claim to my daughter." The first transcriber probably wrote—" will be with him,** which the next, not understanding, changed to,—-" lie will be." JOHNSON.

I think Dr. Warburton's explanation is best, because it exacts .no change. So, in King Henry VIII.;

*-----May he continue
[c] Long in his highness' favour; *and do justice*
[(] *For truth's sake and his conscience"* Again, more appositely in Cymbeline : [6] This hath been'
* Your faithful servant: I dare lay mine nonour *" He mil remain so."*
STEEVENS.

" Therefore *he inill be,* Timon." Therefore he will continue to be so, and is sure of being sufficiently rewarded by the consciousness of virtue; and he does not need the additional blessing of a beautiful and accomplished wife.

It has been objected, I forget by whom, if the old Athenian means to say that Lucilius will still continue to be virtuous, what occasion has he to apply to Timon to interfere relative to this marriage ? But this is making Shakspeare write *by the card.* The words mean undoubtedly, that he will be honest in his *general*